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EDITORIAL.

The State of Indiana has taken the first step toward the erection of a suitable State Library and Museum building by providing for a commission to select a site, secure options and adopt plans, and by providing \$1,000 for the necessary expenses of the commission. The need of this and the law recently passed are shown on another page of this number. It is gratifying that the law has been passed and that there was so little opposition to it. Many will perhaps feel that the proposed building is overloaded, that the educational and scientific offices of the State should be retained in the Capitol, where other administrative offices are housed, and that the centennial building should be specifically a library and museum. This, however, is a matter that will doubtless be worked out satisfactorily when plans are more fully developed.

It is to be hoped that the commission will build its plans for the future, and on a large scale. While all citizens would deplore any extravagance, we should recognize that the State Library and the State Museum should be provided with a building of a monumental design suitable to the celebration of a century of statehood, and above all that these are growing institutions and that ample space must be provided if they are not to be again hampered and crowded into comparative uselessness. Other States have provided funds of a million dollars and more. We should not be niggardly nor spoil the opportunity of the future by a temporary and false economy. If we can not with some of our neighbors have a million dollar building, it is surely not unreasonable to expect a future expenditure for the building itself of at least half of that amount.